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FRIDAY

Most trusted man

The Dolph Briscoe Center hosts a book signing in honor of a new book "Conversations with Cronkite," penned by the center's director, Don Carleton. Event is at Scholz Garten on San Jacinto Boulevard at 6:30 p.m.

Salsa

Texas Latin Dance will host a salsa dance workshop in the Anna Hiss Gym in Room 136. The free event starts at 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

No sugar

The annual Sugar Free Bowl flag football tournament, with 48 teams across the state, raises awareness of juvenile diabetes. Games are all day at the IM Fields.

SUNDAY

Inspiration

Join artist Vernon Fisher at the Blanton as he discusses literature that inspires his work. Starts at 2 p.m., with a book signing at 3 p.m.

'Whiskey River Don't Run Dry'

Willie Nelson headlines a performance at the Long Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets start at \$30, and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Campus watch

Paraphernalia

Brackenridge Hall Dormitory, 207 E. 21st St. Possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts): While investigating a report of the smell of burning marijuana, UT police officers found a first-floor resident who was in possession of a water pipe containing burned marijuana residue and rolling papers. That resident's roommate was found to be in possession of a glass pipe containing burned marijuana residue, a grinding tool with ground-up marijuana residue and three containers that each had marijuana residue. Occurred on Tuesday at 2:01 a.m.



Quote to note

"When you think about it, you go, how could I possibly spend my time better than practicing joy? 'Cause I'm going to die one day, and I don't know when, but between now and then I plan on spending as many days happy and laughing as I possibly can."

— Olympia Holliday
Laughing yoga instructor

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Tuition rates increased 134% in last decade, report shows

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

UT increased tuition and fees by 134 percent since 1999, according to a new report from the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Adjusted for inflation, the University raised tuition at the second-highest rate among its 11 peer institutions, which UT uses for nation-

al comparison purposes. In-state tuition and fees rose from \$4,020 in 1999 to \$9,418 in 2010. Among peer universities, only UC-Berkeley's tuition and fees had a higher percentage increase at 139 percent.

The biggest spike came the spring after tuition deregulation passed in 2003, when UT increased its in-state tuition and fees by 57

percent. Since tuition deregulation, UT increased its tuition and fees 91 percent overall.

The state faced a projected budget shortfall of \$10 billion in 2003 and state leadership asked the UT System to cut 7 percent of its budget.

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Tuition & Fees

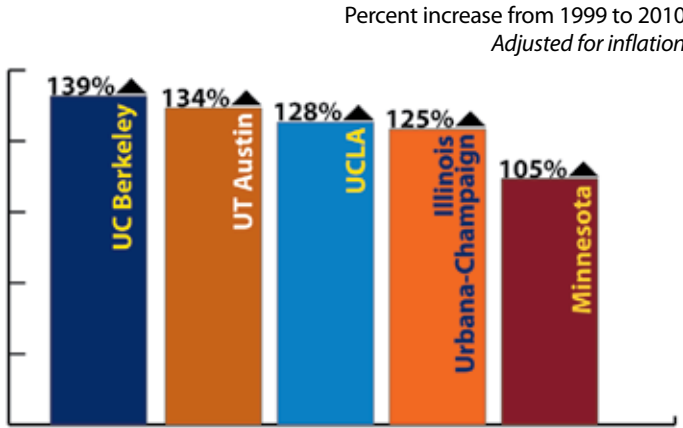


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Festival of lights kindles spirits



Catalina Padilla | Daily Texan Staff

Members of the Hindu Students Association light the candles for Diwali, known as the festival of lights. The purpose of the Diwali festival is to find your inner light through candle-lit prayer.

Hindu holiday of Diwali celebrates 'triumph of righteousness over evil'

By Allison Kroll
Daily Texan Staff

Candles lit up the walkway and the steps leading to the Tower as a priest performed traditional prayers Thursday on the Main Mall, and students celebrated an occasion that represents the triumph of righteousness over evil.

The Hindu Students Association spon-

sored the celebration in recognition of Diwali, or the Indian festival of lights. The event's theme, "Welcome to Ayodhya," is an expression and exploration of Hindu religious and cultural heritage, referring to the myth of Lord Rama and his victory over the demon Ravana.

"Diwali is the most auspicious occasion for Hindus," said Apurva Batra, a mechan-

ical engineering senior and core officer of HSA. "It is quite appropriate to say that holiday spirit during Diwali is analogous to that of Christmas."

Diwali is a festival that is celebrated in Hindu households around the world with family gatherings that include candles,

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City policies for recycling will not alter UT program

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

A city recycling ordinance won't require UT to change its recycling program, but University officials said they hope to keep the their program in line with the city's goals.

The City Council passed the new ordinance Thursday to expand recycling programs in all commercial and housing facilities in Austin, effective October 2012. The new requirements will take effect for buildings with more units first. The ordinance does not apply to UT because it is a state agency. However, residences such as off-campus dorms and apartments will be required to expand the types of materials they recycle and availability of recycling facilities.

"We've heard for years that renters have wanted increased recycling," said Jennifer Herber, a spokeswoman for the Solid Waste Services Department. "[Facilities] should also see a reduction in waste. In the long term, we hope to see a decrease in their costs for garbage/landfill disposal."

The city only has two staff members who enforce the recycling ordinances on a complaint-related basis, she said. The updated ordinance budgets \$300,000 to increase staff and provide related equipment, which accounts for almost half of the \$625,000 included in the project's budget. The money is already accounted for in

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Panel discusses GOP agenda for budget, Perry's ambitions

By Yvonne Marquez
Daily Texan Staff

After gaining 22 seats in the Texas House of Representatives, Republicans could cut up to \$25 million from state social services, a panel of political journalists agreed on Thursday.

Reporters and editors from The Dallas Morning News, Texas Monthly, Texas Tribune and Quorum Report discussed the significance of this year's mid-term election at the third annual fall forum at the Center for Politics and Governance.

Christy Hoppe, the Austin bureau chief of The Dallas Morning News, said Texas already has a "lean and mean" government. She said the cuts will affect services Texans deem essential such as after-school programs, nursing homes, parks and even financial aid for college students.

"Once they start hitting the middle class in particular — and it will — then you'll hear some screaming," Hoppe said.

Republicans now hold 99 seats in the House — the most since Reconstruction. Texas Tribune reporter Elise Hu said on election night there was a strong message that Texans wanted to continue to keep spending and taxes low



Catalina Padilla | Daily Texan Staff

Texas Tribune reporter Elise Hu, left, listens to Paul Burka, from Texas Monthly, talk about Tuesday's election on Thursday.

compared to other states.

Texas Monthly executive editor Paul Burka said that Texas has always been a conservative state, whether Republicans or Democrats are in power.

"It's just a great big conservative streak that goes back into the 19th century when there was not just a lot of sympathy for the underdog," Burka said. "If you couldn't make it out in the frontier, you were a liability to your neighbors. That conservative self-reliant streak is just

inbred in a lot of Texans."

The panel also discussed Gov. Rick Perry's win and their predictions about whether he will run for president. Burka said there was no question he's going to run for president because he is governor of the largest red state and he is popular in Texas.

Hoppe said she does not believe he will run but agreed he is a polarizing public figure like Sarah Palin.

"If she's Barbie, he's Ken," Hoppe said.

City of Austin covers costs for Quintana shooting case

By Aziza Musa
Daily Texan Staff

Although Austin Police Department officials fired former Officer Leonardo Quintana in late October, the city is still responsible for finding him legal representation.

City Council members unanimously passed a legal contract Thursday to allocate funds for outside counsel in the latest lawsuit against Quintana. The city is obligated to represent Quintana because he was acting as an Austin police officer at the time of the officer-involved shootings, said city spokeswoman Samantha Park.

"Because the city had taken disciplinary actions against him, the most responsible course of action is to bring in outside legal counsel," Park said.

Quintana became the center of controversy after fatally shooting 18-year-old Nathaniel Sanders II in May 2009 after failing to activate his dashboard camera. Quintana was patrolling East Austin when he spotted a car reportedly seen at several crime scenes in the area. Sanders and Sir Lawrence Smith were sleeping in the car as a driver took them to an apartment complex. The driver got out of the car, and Quintana detained him, court records show.

The officer tried to physically awaken the passengers and scared

them, causing Sanders to pull out his gun, according to court documents. Upon seeing the gun, Quintana backed away and fired into the car's windows, shooting Smith in the chest and killing Sanders.

Both families have since filed separate lawsuits against Quintana. Smith, 22, filed a lawsuit on Oct. 19 on the grounds that the former officer used excessive force and violated his constitutional rights. Under the approved legal services contract, the city hired Austin-based attorney Robert Icenhauer-Ramirez, who is currently representing Quintana in the Sanders' suit.

The city will use no more than \$190,000 from its Liability Reserve Fund to pay for the fees or expenses incurred from Smith's lawsuit, including hiring experts, officials said.

"Since I have anticipated the filing of the lawsuit for about a year and a half, I am actually looking forward to answering the allegations made in the lawsuit," Icenhauer-Ramirez said. "I believe Leonardo Quintana's defense will ultimately be successful. I'm familiar with the facts of the case, and I think the facts are on our side."

Icenhauer-Ramirez said the Sanders case is set for November 2011 and that he will now begin to gather witnesses, investigate the case and put together exhibits in preparation for the Smith trial.

RECYCLE: Off-campus dorms fall short of waste ordinances

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Solid Waste Service’s budget, so the department will not require additional money.

About 7 percent of the city’s commercial and multi-family units currently have recycling. City regulations require businesses with more than 100 employees and residences with more than 100 units to recycle at least four types of materials, but many housing facilities that serve UT students do not meet that mark.

The 378-unit Castilian does not offer any recycling services because of the cost of doing so, said operations manager Dale Callison.

“I wasn’t aware that there was a city ordinance in place, and they’re not enforcing it,” Callison said.

UT is working to contribute to the city’s Zero Waste Plan, under which the city hopes to divert 90 percent of its waste from landfills to recycling by 2040. Efforts include expanded access to recycling on campus, furniture restoration and reuse and increased educational information, including a new online chart that details exactly what and how students can recycle on campus,

said Jeff Basile, the manager of sustainability and recycling for Facilities Services.

Jim Walker, UT director of sustainability, said the University has upgraded its on-campus recycling with new bins and recycling at football games and tailgating events over the past year and a half.

“UT generates a lot of waste and recyclables, and we’re not a small player in the regional waste conversation,” he said. “The city updating its ordinance will put peer pressure on UT that we need to continue working on getting our best infrastructure in place.”

Campus Environmental Center adviser Karen Blaney said she is optimistic that the new ordinance and increased city pressure will encourage off-campus housing facilities to increase their recycling offerings.

“The [environmental center] has had a steady trickle of students come and want to initiate recycling in off-campus dorms, but it’s never gone anywhere,” Blaney said. “I’m optimistic that this will lead to the private dorm and apartment managers changing their procedures, but as the University, that’s all we can do.”

DIWALI: Ceremony marks start of religious calendar

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lanterns, fireworks and prayer to strengthen ties within families and with God. Gifts and sweets are also exchanged, and many Hindu families choose to clean their homes and buy new items for themselves at this time because Diwali also signifies the beginning of a new year in the Hindu calendar.

At the festival, a priest performed a religious ceremony called a “havan” around a fire in front of dozens of students and explained the significance of important Hindu scriptures. Each student was given a bag of rice and a candle, as an offering to the goddess Lakshmi.

“Fire is a symbol of knowledge and light, so we wanted everyone to have their own candle to give an offering,” said Kajal Mehta, a Plan II senior and co-chair for HSA Diwali. “Diwali is a joyous time to celebrate life and renewal.”

The festival delivers hope for a peaceful and prosperous new year. Candles, oil lanterns and fireworks illustrate the defeat of darkness.

“In diverse settings, it’s im-

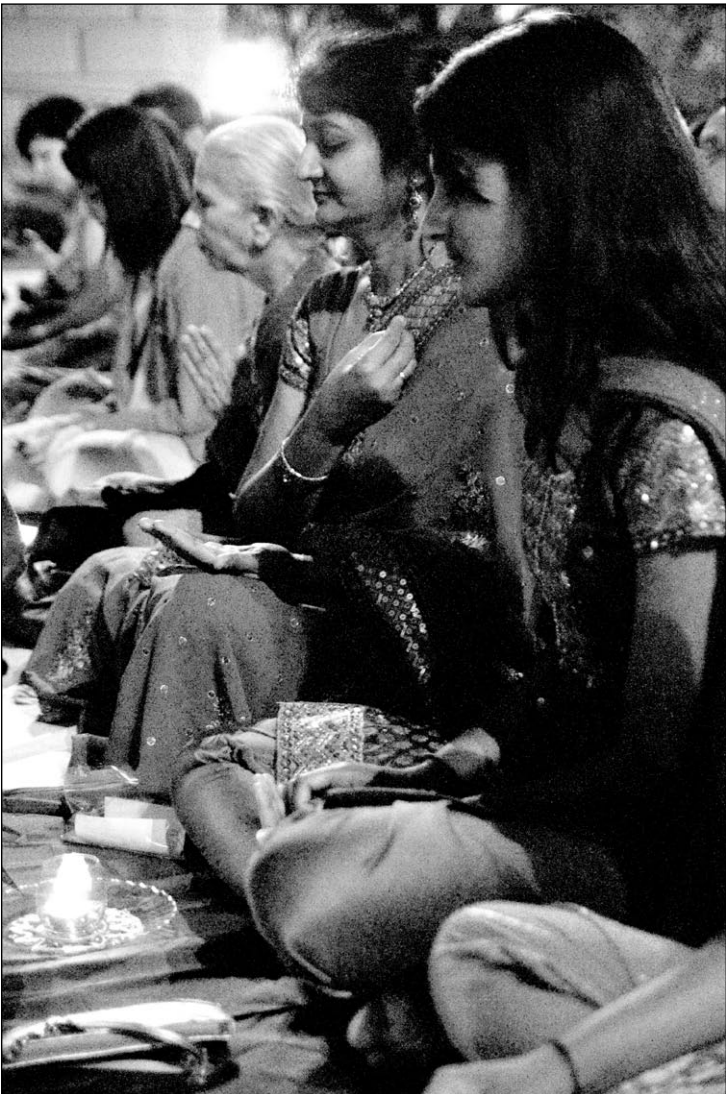
portant to understand where we all come from and gain an appreciation for different cultures,” Batra said. “Since Hindus represent an appreciable fraction of the student body at UT, I feel that it is our goal as Hindus to educate others about our beliefs and festivities.”

A carnival included booths where students explained the myths of Diwali and passed out candy and other treats. Fireworks marked the end of the celebration.

“Usually, there is an offer to the Hindu goddess of fortune, Lakshmi, for good fortune for the coming year,” said Joel Breton, associate professor of religious studies. “Often, there will be regional variations depending on dominant traditions in certain areas over another.”

Hindu families traditionally light diyas, small candles around their homes. Statues of Ravana are also constructed and burned throughout India with fireworks.

“Especially in a time of globalization, it’s important to understand other cultures and see how similar we all are,” Mehta said.



Catalina Padilla | Daily Texan Staff
Nata Menta and daughter Neha pray on the Main Mall during Thursday night’s Diwali ceremony.

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TUITION: State funding steadily decreasing since 1990

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The UT System responded by proposing to give free tuition to students whose families earn less than \$41,000 in exchange for tuition deregulation, a measure to transfer tuition-setting authority from the state legislature to the UT System Board of Regents.

Charles Miller, then-chairman of the UT System Board of Regents, said tuition deregulation would not necessarily mean an increase in tuition.

“People will eventually see that this is a better way to do this if they examine it carefully over time,” Miller said in 2003.

State agencies, including UT, once again face the possibility of a 10 percent budget cut during

the next legislative session after a 5 percent budget cut this year. But the regents and other chief administrators have not considered raising tuition to make up for those cuts as they wait for more concrete information on the budget, said Kevin Hegarty, UT’s chief financial officer.

Hegarty said although tuition increases in 2004 and 2006 were relatively large — UT raked in \$9 million more in tuition in 2004 — they followed years of small increases while the state legislature regulated tuition despite the rising costs of higher education.

“There were a number of years that went by, during which the way UT had balanced its budget was to provide less-than-market salary increases and not maintain

its buildings,” Hegarty said.

After the two large increases, the following increases were relatively small, he said. According to UT data, the average tuition increase was 13 percent from 1990 to 2003 and only 8 percent from 2003 to 2009 — last year, it rose 4 percent.

Mark Kantowitz, publisher of *FinAid.org*, said the problem is not tuition deregulation, it’s the reduction in state support of the institution and state legislatures’ tendency to increase tuition substantially only when they have to.

Kantowitz said it’s not unusual for states to have several years without substantial tuition increases followed by a very large increase.

“When the colleges themselves can control tuition, it’s much less likely to go through these cycles,” he said.

Adjusted for inflation, state support actually decreased by 1 percent per year since 1990 and tuition surpassed state funds as a source of the University’s revenue, according to a UT report on tuition. Tuition increases could have been “substantially lower” during those years if the state had provided more funding, according to the report.

Kantowitz said during recessions, public universities often raise tuition by double digits because of falling state revenues.

“The first thing they cut is support of higher education,” he said.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Death toll rises as volcano in Indonesia erupts again

By Slamet Riyadi
The Associated Press
MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia — A deadly surge of blistering gases cascaded down the slopes of Indonesia's most volatile volcano Friday, torching houses in one mountainside village and triggering a chaotic midnight evacuation. At least 12 people were killed in the inferno and 50 others injured.

Men with ash-covered faces streamed down Mount Merapi on motorcycles and women and crying children packed into trucks, as officials announced over loudspeakers that they were again expanding the volcano's danger zone.

Even staff at the mountain's

main monitoring post were told to move farther from the glowing crater.

Mount Merapi, which means "Fire Mountain," has killed 56 people since bursting back to life on Oct. 26.

Though scientists earlier expressed hope dozens of big explosions in the last week would ease pressure building up behind a magma dome high up in the crater, eruptions Friday appeared to be intensifying.

"We have no idea what to expect now," said Surono, a state expert on volcanos, adding that he has never seen the needle on Merapi's seismograph working with such intensity.

Towering clouds of ash shot from the crater with a thunder-

like roar on Thursday morning, sending soot 20,000 feet into the air and dusting towns up to 150 miles away.

Just before midnight, Merapi unleashed a deadly surge of searing ash, gases and rock fragments. Known to experts as pyroclastic flows, such clouds race down the slopes at speeds of up to 60 miles per hour.

Though more than 75,000 people living along Merapi's fertile slopes have been evacuated to crowded emergency shelters, many by force, others are reluctant to leave their precious livestock and homes.

It is not clear how many people were in the village of Bronggang, nine miles from the crater, when the heat cloud hit.



Irwin Fedriansyah | Associated Press

Indonesian soldiers wear masks and goggles to protect themselves from volcanic ash in Sidorejo, Indonesia, on Thursday. Towering clouds of hot ash gushed from the mouth of Indonesia's deadly volcano.



Mary Altaffer | Associated Press

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday. Stocks indexes are setting new highs for the year, a day after the Federal Reserve announced a \$600 billion plan to boost the economy.

Stock indexes hit highest for 2010 after Fed support

By David K. Randall
The Associated Press
NEW YORK — The Federal Reserve wanted to push interest rates lower and jump-start financial markets with its \$600 billion economic stimulus plan. So far the Fed is getting the results it wants.

Long-term interest rates sank and stocks indexes hit new highs Thursday, a day after the Fed announced its massive bond-buying plan. The Dow Jones industrial average soared more than 220 points, reaching another high for the year. All three main stock indexes have now reached 2010 highs this week.

After five straight days of gains, the Dow Jones industrial average returned to levels last seen in early September 2008, before the collapse of Lehman Brothers and the worst days of the financial crisis.

said Stephen Jones, the chairman of Jones Villalta Funds.

On Wednesday, the Federal Reserve announced it plans to buy \$600 billion in bonds in an effort to spur spending and ultimately lower the unemployment rate. The central bank was unusually detailed in its announcement, saying it planned to spend \$75 billion a month on bonds until at least the middle of next year. That's on top of the roughly \$35 billion a month it already buying.

"Much of today's gains comes as a result of the government pumping money into the market."

— Joe Kinahan
Chief derivative strategist at TD Ameritrade

"Much of today's gains comes as a result of the government pumping money into the market," said Joe Kinahan, the chief derivatives strategist at TD Ameritrade.

The dollar fell against other currencies as traders anticipated lower U.S. interest rates because of the Fed's bond-buying program. Crude oil, gold and other commodities rose.

The Dow rose 219.71 points, or 2.0 percent, to close at 11,434.84. The broader S&P 500 index rose 23.10 points, or 1.9 percent, to 1,221.06, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite gained 37.07 points, or 1.5 percent, to 2,577.34.

Retailers reported solid sales in October, sending shares of major retailing companies sharply higher. Gap Inc. rose 6 percent while Macy's Inc. jumped 6.6 percent.


"Those retail numbers are telling us that the holiday season is going to get off to a good start,"

supply of dollars held by banks and most likely push the value of the currency down. The dollar is at its lowest level since December 2009 against a broad basket of currencies, and was down 0.8 percent against that index Thursday. Energy prices jumped, sending oil up \$1.80 to \$86.49.

Finance ministers in emerging economies like China and Brazil have criticized the Fed's stimulus plan, arguing that low interest rates in the U.S. could fuel asset bubbles in their countries.


Treasury prices have been climbing since the Fed's announcement Wednesday afternoon. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 2.47 percent from 2.58 percent the day before.

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VIEWPOINT

Voting counts

Next time someone tells you that your vote doesn't really matter, ask if he or she has ever heard of Dan Neil or Donna Howard.

Neil and Howard are the candidates in the still-undecided Texas House District 48 race, which includes parts of west Austin and Westlake Hills. When the votes were tallied on Tuesday night, Howard appeared to have won by a mere 15 votes.

Howard only "appears" to have won because not every vote has been counted yet. Provisional ballots and military votes from overseas that are still in transit have until next Monday to be tallied. Military voters, who tend to vote for conservatives, could be the deciding factor in who is declared the official winner. Furthermore, such a close race will probably garner calls for a recount by whichever candidate comes out on the losing end.

The candidates knew the race would be a close one. Neil, a UT alumnus and former Longhorn and NFL football player, ran on a platform that advocated reduced government spending while avoiding cuts to education. Howard, a two-year incumbent and member of the House Higher Education Committee, focused on issues such as reforming the State Board of Education.

On Tuesday, Texans elected 21 Republicans to the Legislature's House of Representatives. As it currently stands, Republicans hold 99 seats in the next House, which will convene in January.

That number is important because Neil would be Republican number 100, the magic number needed to give the GOP a "super majority" in the House. Such a majority would allow Republicans to amend the state constitution, override votes and veto legislation, all without input from Democrats.

And perhaps most importantly, the new Legislature will be tasked with redrawing congressional districts. Following this year's census, Texas will gain three to four new congressional seats, and the Legislature will reconfigure the state's congressional districts. New districts are frequently drawn to maximize the vote for the majority party. This process, known as gerrymandering, has been employed by both parties in the past. The next round of redistricting could add at least seven new congressional seats for conservatives, according to Conservative Republicans of Texas.

The typical argument for voter apathy revolves around the premise that one vote doesn't change anything, and typically, it doesn't. Local Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D, faced his closest race in years from Dr. Donna Campbell and won with just 53 percent of the vote, but that still constituted a 15,073-vote margin. Gov. Rick Perry won re-election by 601,178 votes, and in 2008, President Barack Obama won the popular vote by more than 950,000. In those races, a pessimist would argue that your vote is pretty negligible.

The District 48 race paints a very different picture. As the last absentee ballots trickle in and the race potentially draws even, individual votes take on enormous weight.

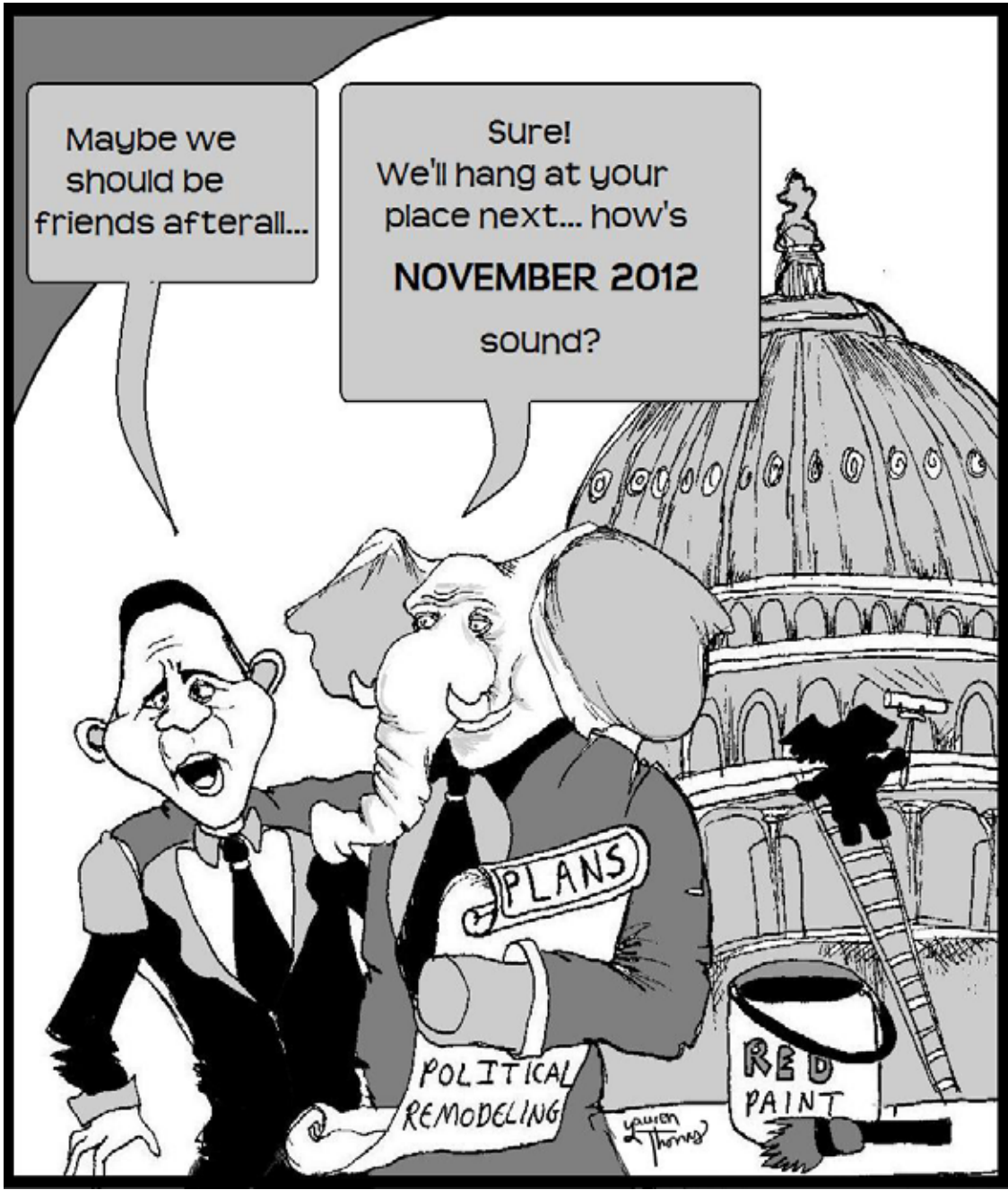
The political tides are rising and the dam is about to break; right now, the only thing holding back the flood is 15 votes.

And while neither Neil nor Howard will be casting votes in Washington or even be driving the debate on the Capitol floor here in Austin, their seat totters on fulcrum of the scales of power. Their race is a perfect example of why voter participation is so important, not just for moral reasons but pragmatic ones as well, since one vote has the potential to set off a domino effect that would ripple across the country.

So when that person tells you that your vote doesn't matter, ask who he or she supported: Neil or Howard?

— Dave Player for the editorial board

GALLERY



An open letter to the student who exploits Blackboard to send me mass e-mails

By Brandon Curl
Daily Texan Columnist

Let me first thank you for sending that thoughtful, lengthy e-mail in spite of the fact that you absolutely hated to do it. We all know that authoring such an e-mail can engender ill will from our classmates. So I can only imagine what bravery it must have taken to draft such a devastatingly important message in the face of appearing unpopular. I applaud your truly selfless act.

Now as to the subject of your e-mail, I'll start from the top:

First, I'm sorry to hear of your recent illness that has caused you to miss lecture. I would absolutely love to supply you with detailed, or as you termed them, "legit" notes for the time you were absent. It is the least I can do, especially given the recent loss of a loved one of which you also informed me. There seems no better venue for sharing such private information than this very public forum.

I'd also like to inform you that I am amenable to an exchange of outlines for the assigned readings. How truly imaginative that we should split the work and how equally incisive that you should announce such a plan in an e-mail also directed to our professor?

Now that we're talking, I'd also like to express my admiration of your desire to learn the definition of two-key vocabulary terms for our course.

Any other student might have turned to a dictionary, flipped to our textbook's glossary, or Googled the words but not you. You spent what could only have been an equal or greater amount of time to e-mail the class asking for the definitions in what I can only assume was an attempt to foster camaraderie amongst your classmates. Bravo.

Please know that while I typed that last paragraph, I was simultaneously completing the survey for your marketing class to which you provided a link in your e-mail. I do love SurveyMonkey, and somehow you know this about me.

Can I also tell you that I find it incredibly interesting that you are the representative for a major motion picture studio at our university? I'm thankful that the management at one of our nation's leading media conglomerates was able to detect your acumen as a true connector of men and appoint you to such an influential position. Unfortunately, however, I will be unable to attend the free screening of the film (which you so cleverly misspelled), as I have a prior engagement.

The engagement to which I am referring, of course, is my plan to spend this weekend searching for your misplaced car keys, which you have informed me were left in the lecture hall after class. Know that I will not rest until they are found.

Forgive me, however, if I do take respite from

the search for the upcoming football game. Until your e-mail informed me of your willingness to sell your tickets, I had no hope of attending. I know some classmates might criticize you for abusing access to our personal e-mail addresses for the means of turning a profit, but I recognize your true intent to meet the needs of fellow students. Plus, it's not as if some sort of larger social network or online classified service exists.

That reminds me. I am interested in the bookshelf you have for sale on Craigslist, which you also mentioned in your e-mail. Please accept my sincerest congratulations on moving into the new apartment with your girlfriend, Sarah. I wish you two the best as you explore the wonders of cohabitation. (By the way, should we agree to a reasonable price for the shelf, I might have enough funds left over to sponsor you in the upcoming marathon.)

Finally, I'd like to close in saying that you have absolutely nothing to apologize for. I will wholeheartedly disregard this entire e-mail given that you sent it to the wrong class. We all make mistakes — "oops," as you put it.

I only hope the next reader appreciates your e-mail as much as I did.

Sincerely,
Brandon Curl

Curl is an advertising graduate student.

Alcohol: up for review

By Daley Epstein
Daily Texan Columnist

Before engaging in most critical life decisions, we tend to rely heavily on reports and reviews. Which car should I buy? Is the one I like safe and comfortable? Where should I stay on my next vacation? Is the hotel in a convenient location, do people laud its excellent service and, most importantly, is it clean?

But there is one critical thing that we forget to review entirely: alcohol consumption.

According a recent study in the Lancelot, a world-renowned medical journal, alcohol is ranked the most harmful drug when critiqued alongside 19 others, including heroin and cocaine. So why is the drug deemed most harmful the one recognized as most prevalent on college campuses, a place where education and intellect are prized as priorities? No one voted alcohol as America's sexiest drug, yet it is so heavily fawned over.

By now you may be raising an eyebrow. The other drugs mentioned in the study are illegal, so shouldn't they be the most dangerous? However, the study analyzed the psychological, physical and so-

cial problems caused by each drug. Alcohol received a score of 72 out of a possible 100 in resulting harms; this number was figured using 16 measurements, nine of which analyzed detrimental effects on the individual and seven that ascertained the drug's harm against others.

The notion that a drug affects others aside from the user is often overlooked, but it shouldn't be. The mosaic of broken glass that adorns the length of my hallway every evening in University Towers is a testament to the effects of alcohol. I often hear the shatter of yet another light being punched out and am overwhelmed by a sigh of relief as I glance down and ensure that I am wearing shoes suitable for braving the Towers' terrain.

Lately, the two most popular drugs in the news are marijuana and the popular caffeinated alcoholic beverage, Four Loko. Now that California's proposition 19 has failed, perhaps alcohol will receive even more attention. Recent hospitalizations and even deaths caused by consumption of Four Loko have offered alcohol a rare place in the news. Yet despite this recognition, people still consume it on a regular basis.

All freshmen and transfer students at UT are required to take an AlcoholEdu course before enrolling. Filled with informational videos and real-life situations that the student is supposed to analyze and evaluate, the program is intended to be interactive and effective — but it's not. Students mute the videos and leave them playing in the background while going on Facebook or talking with friends. When the "next" button pops on to the screen, signaling the video's conclusion, the student clicks it as fast as possible and the cycle repeats itself.

There is no reason why alcoholic beverages shouldn't be reviewed like everything else. Many health-conscious students analyze nutrition labels before indulging in a snack, yet they will drink whatever ruby-red punch comes in the infamous plastic cups handed out at frat parties without giving it a second thought. As residents of one of America's healthiest cities, we should attempt to live up to our reputation by reviewing the side effects of what we put into our bodies — or at least knowing what that red stuff is.

Epstein is a business and Plan II freshman.

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Law student Rigo Vindiola listens as labor scholar and UT law professor Julius Getman discusses his new book about unions and the status of the American labor movement Thursday afternoon.

Speaker suggests union changes

UT scholar, author advises declining labor movement to recapture social interest

By Allie Kolechta
Daily Texan Staff

Labor unions need to change their strategies before they can improve working conditions, said UT law professor Julius Getman on Thursday.

Getman gave a talk in the UT Law School about his book “Restoring the Power of Unions: It Takes a Movement” and the state of labor unions in the U.S. today. While labor unions are the best way to improve working conditions in today’s economy, they should return to their roots as a social movement to regain the strength they once had, he said.

In 2009, 12.3 percent of American workers belonged to a union, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Union membership has dropped steadily since 1983, when more than 20 percent of workers were unionized.

“Everything I’ve written has in a way been critical of organized labor,” he said. “I think that they blame management for all of their woes, but it’s too easy to say that the reason we’re doing so badly is because management is breaking and violating laws, so it’s not our fault. I’ve done enough field work that I can statistically demonstrate that that’s wrong and that unions bear responsibility.”

Economic disparity is as bad now as it was during the 1920s after the decline of labor unions following World War I, said Elliott

Becker, a UT law student and senior events coordinator of the American Constitution Society.

“It’s just as bad now as it was during that Snidely Whiplash, robber-baron sort of period,” he said. “We’ve done enough glosses of work safety so that 8-year-olds aren’t losing limbs in factories now, but people are ultimately in just as bad of conditions.”

Becker said workers today continue to live as tools for the economic machine and deserve the autonomy that labor unions can give them. He said he organized the event to raise progressive students’ interest in labor unions, which he believes is the answer to giving workers access to the resources they need to gain economic independence.

“I’ve been fortunate to have

a lot of choice in my life, and I think there are enough resources in the world so that everyone can have choice,” he said. “I’d like to see that happen, and I think labor unions are the way to do it.”

Labor unions are not perfect and should have a greater impact on today’s economy than they do to improve working conditions, said UT law student Andres Pacheco-Fores. He said Getman’s lecture provided historical context and insight into how organized labor can remain relevant.

“I don’t think unions are as relevant as they could be or should be,” he said. “I’m on Professor Getman’s side. “They’ve been screwing up a lot lately. They should be stronger; they should be a movement.”

TX representative dies after 28 years of service

By Nolan Hicks
Daily Texan Staff

Texas Rep. Edmund Kuempel, a Republican from Seguin, died Thursday morning at University Medical Center Brackenridge following a heart attack.

Earlier that morning, the 67-year-old legislator was rushed to the hospital from a convenience store on Riverside Drive after complaining of heart pains. Attempts to revive him on the way to and at the hospital were unsuccessful.

“Once he passed out, he didn’t interact with the health care workers anymore,” said Christopher Ziebell, medical director of the Emergency Department at University Medical Center Brackenridge. “The heart becomes more and more difficult to restart after each cardiac arrest.”

First elected in 1982, Kuempel was the fifth most senior member of the Texas House of Representatives and chair of the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee, which handles gambling legislation. He was also a member of the powerful House Calendars Committee, which determines what bills come up for debate before the House.

Kuempel had a history of heart problems — in May 2009, he suffered a massive heart attack while riding an elevator at the Capitol. He had a defibrillator surgically implanted after that incident.

“When he first came back after

the heart attack he had last session, I came up to him and told him, ‘You old kraut, I guess God didn’t want you,’ and he just laughed,” said Rep. Jim McReynolds, who served with Kuempel in the Texas House for 14 years. “He’s just my brother. It’s a terrible loss.”

McReynolds described Kuempel as a man who was serious about policy and work at the Capitol but loved life.

“We called him Kissin’ Ed because he wanted to kiss everybody,” McReynolds said. “He’d walk up and down the aisle getting sugar from every girl on the House floor.”

Gov. Rick Perry, who was in New York on a book tour Thursday, released a statement mourning the loss of Kuempel, calling the late representative a pillar of the Legislature.

“He was already making a name for himself in the House when I got there,” Perry said. “I’ve never known Austin without him.”

Perry ordered flags at state office buildings to be lowered to half-staff as a show of respect for the longtime representative.



Edmund Kuempel House Rep., R-Seguin

NEWS BRIEFLY

UT-El Paso students shot, killed in violence-ridden Ciudad Juárez

Two University of Texas at El Paso students were shot and killed in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, as they were traveling through the violence-wracked city, where U.S. officials estimate that 2,300 people were killed last year.

The two business students — Manuel Acosta, 25, and Eder Diaz, 23, — were driving in a Nissan Sentra with Texas plates when they were attacked. Mexican police said assailants fired 36 shots in the attack, hitting the students multiple times.


Acosta died in the car Tuesday night and Diaz died the next morning in a Juárez hospital.


“American students are advised that the violence occurs on a daily basis on the other side of the border,” said Steve Lizarin, a spokesman for UT-El Paso. “Ever since the [violence] started, it’s deterred a lot of students from going across the border.”

The fear that violence could spill over from Mexico into Texas was a central issue in the last gubernatorial campaign. Gov. Rick Perry has ordered the federal government to deploy more troops and resources to the Texas/Mexico border.

— Nolan Hicks

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VOLLEYBALL

McNeal acts as versatile athlete, team DJ



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore Sha'Dare McNeal digs the ball to set up a Texas attack. McNeal has been the Longhorn's all-around player whose statistics have steadily risen throughout the season.

By Shabab Siddiqui
Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore Sha'Dare McNeal is a little hard to pin down and define. McNeal teeters on shy and quiet, but claims she's the opposite when around people she knows really well. She used to play the guitar, violin and piano, but her current connection with music is in a near perpendicular capacity as the team's unofficial co-DJ, in charge of putting together pregame mixes that include songs like "Teach Me How to Dougie" by the Cali

Swag District and "No Hands" by Waka Flocka Flame. Statistically, McNeal is consistent, rarely posting numbers that outlie her regular performance. Even her position — listed as a utility player — is vague at best. But McNeal's impact on the court has been substantial, especially to the more discerning eyes. "Sha'Dare, as I told her at the beginning of the preseason, is probably one of the most important players because of what she does on first contact," said head coach Jerritt El-

liott. "There's a lot of things she doesn't get credit for, but she's a huge part of our success, and her growth has been very impressive." McNeal's numbers have been quietly steady across the board. Among the noninjured players on the team, she is second in assists per set (.27), third in service aces (15), digs per set (1.92), blocks per set (.78) and fourth in kills per set (1.86). "I'm versatile," McNeal said. "I just play my role. If anybody gets hurt or anything that happens, I can play that position."

McNeal's ability to stay on the court is likely the most telling statistic on an injury-prone Longhorn squad, as she and senior outside hitter Juliann Faucette are the only players to have played in every set of the season. And while the continuity has undoubtedly helped the team, it has also been a major part of McNeal's development. "From last year and this year, I've had to play a different role," McNeal said. "At first I was very nervous that I was going to start

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Longhorns look to add points, fuel to rivalry

By Sara Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore Laura Sogar isn't the only dominating swimmer for Texas. This year's team includes several swimmers who have posted times that rank among the nation's top-ten fastest times for this season. Juniors Katie Riefenstahl, Karlee Bispo and Leah Gingrich and freshmen Lily Moldenhauer and Lauren Ross along with Sogar are all featured on that list. Both Sogar and Bispo have claimed the top time in their respective events. Texas, which is coming off of two huge victories against Big 10

powerhouses Indiana and Michigan, is hoping to ride that wave of momentum into the State Farm Lone Star Showdown against Texas A&M this weekend for their annual rivalry. They hope to bring home a victory for Texas to contribute to the seventh annual Lone Star Showdown. Texas currently leads A&M 2.5-1.0 in this year's showdown and is hoping to keep that lead after winning the trophy last season by a 10-9 margin. "I love the rivalry. Texas and Texas A&M push each other," said head

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Rising star excels at unlikely sport

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

In the irony of all ironies, NCAA swimming champion Nick D'Innocenzo grew up afraid of the water. "I didn't actually really touch the water or want to be anywhere near the water until I was about four or five," D'Innocenzo said. "I remember my mom taking me to a mom and tot swim class where babies can get used to the water. I was the only toddler there." D'Innocenzo competed in the 2008 Olympic trials, where he finished 15th overall and made the semifinals in the

200-meter IM preliminaries. His parents were extremely encouraging, even though neither were really big swimmers. "My mom was hugely supportive right from the get-go," — Nick D'Innocenzo NCAA swimming champion "My mom was hugely supportive right from the get-go," D'Innocenzo said. "She was always the last one in the

stands at any swim meet. If you ever get the chance to see any of my swims on tape, you can sure as hell hear her in the background." He began swimming when he lived in Chicago from kindergarten through third grade, a product of a "bite by the swim bug," he said. Around the time he turned 12 years old, the bite became a full-on infection after he realized he was a naturally good swimmer. Combine this with work ethic and it was his recipe for success. "The really big difference I thought, for me, was

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Texas to use exhibition as tune-up for season

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns are still preparing for the start of the season, but fans have not yet gotten a chance to see this team with a new look perform. Tonight they will. Still in fine-tuning mode, the No. 17 Texas women's basketball team will play Trinity in a home exhibition game tonight. And although the outcome of the game won't show up in the win-loss columns, the game has implications for how the team moves forward with the rest of the season. "We will do some different things," said head coach Gail Goestenkors, in regards to her team's ever changing identity. "I have got five freshmen — six newcomers. So we are going to change things up a little bit, run probably more than we have in the past and use some traps and some different presses to try to utilize our speed

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Peter Franklin | Daily Texan file photo

No. 22 Ashley Gayle works the post against Iowa State last season. Gayle is expected to play an expanded role in the post offensively with sophomore Cokie Reed out for the season.

SOFTBALL

Squad set to host All-Star match, play against pros

By Bri Thomas
Daily Texan Staff

Sporting a T-shirt with the 2011 World Series date of 6/8/11 on it, sophomore Blaire Luna warmed up her arm at McCombs Field, preparing herself for a challenging weekend. After facing Western Texas College tonight, Texas will host the National Pro Fastpitch All-Stars on Sunday. Former Longhorn greats Cat Osterman, Megan Willis and Loryn Johnson are just a few of the professionals Luna and her team will be facing. "It's going to be exciting to play against the pros," Luna said. "We're all really looking forward to the challenge and hopefully to beating them." With Osterman and Luna both being so talented, there has been a great deal of talk about the two pitchers facing each other this weekend.

"Starter versus starter would be really cool," Luna said. "I'd definitely have to push myself, but it'd be something I could learn from." Despite clear knowledge of the All-Stars' talent, UT catcher Amy Hooks stands strong in her confidence of her current team. "I'm going to have to take my pitcher's side on that face-off," Hooks said. "Hopefully Blaire will be on top of her game, and we'll let them duel it out on the mound." Luna, who is always neck-and-neck with Osterman's school records, never lets the pride of her success get in the way of her team, though. "I don't need to prove records wrong or anything like that," Luna said. "I do it more for my team, as we learn what we need to work on."

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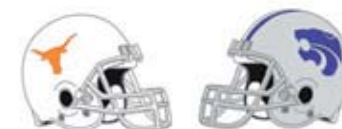
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WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING



Texas at Texas A&M
When: Tonight
Time: 5 p.m.
Where: Student Rec Center Natatorium - College Station

FOOTBALL



Texas (4-4, 2-3 Big 12) at Kansas State (5-3; 2-3 Big 12)
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Bill Snyder Family Stadium Manhattan, Kan.
On Air: ESPN 2

NCAA FOOTBALL



Georgia Tech 21
Virginia Tech 28

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Trinity at No. 17 Texas
What: Exhibition game
When: Tonight
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Frank Erwin Center

SOFTBALL



Western Texas College at Texas
When: Tonight
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Austin

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

This week's joke of the week is in honor of the Dallas Cowboys continued on-field woes.

Q. What will you call 47 millionaires around a TV watching the Super Bowl this year?

A. The Dallas Cowboys



To read about Longhorn football, see Double Coverage

STARS: Former Horns featured in game

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Luna and her fellow Longhorns know that if they're able to stay up with the All-Stars this weekend, it will show the team they can beat anyone out there.

Head coach Connie Clark is especially looking forward to the great matchup, with a cast of several really talented athletes.

"The game will be all we can handle and more," Clark said. "Our young ones are ready to face some of the best in world, so it'll be good experience."

Former Longhorn Johnson is excited to be back with old teammates, as well as about playing with some of the best in the country.

"I just want to come out and have a fun game," Johnson said. "I'm still a little bitter about how our season ended, but these girls seem to be moving in the right direction. I'm ready to see how they end up."

The NPF's college tour is put on for promotion of the national league, but also helps out the opposing college teams.

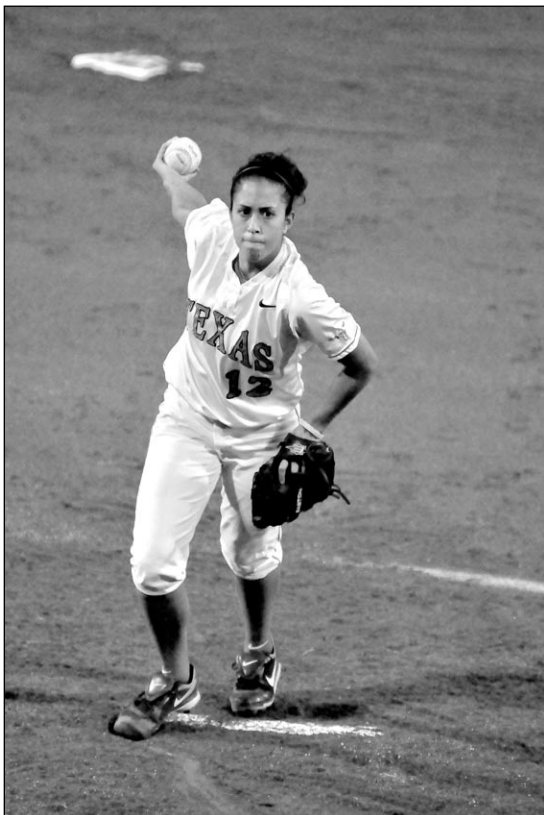
"It will be good motivation for the ladies to see that this is where they could end up," Clark said.

With professional athletes surrounding the women, one may think the current team's hopes of going pro someday would be too much to handle during the game.

"I've thought about going pro, but it's a long way from now," Luna said. "Right now, I'm just focusing on Texas and trying to win a championship."

With a fall schedule that has consisted mostly of playing community colleges, Texas' focus sometimes was easily waned, with their only loss this season being to these same ex-Longhorns in the alumni game a few weekends back.

"We've got a deeper talent this year and seem to have all the keys but we just have to keep working," Clark said. "We're still trying to find our team identity, but the crowd loves this stuff, especially since a Cat-versus-Blaire matchup sounds favorable for the weekend. Make sure the cameras are rolling that day."



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

Blaire Luna winds up for a pitch. Luna and her teammates are slated to host professional all-stars on Sunday, some of whom used to play for Texas.

MCNEAL: All-around player dances to her own beat

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and stuff but through time and playing, we've [all] grown."

The San Diego native came to UT as a middle blocker and played in that capacity last year. But Elliott sensed that McNeal could develop into a back-row threat, and after the last ball dropped in 2009, the coaching staff worked to convert her into an all-around player. Growing pains may have been tough, but in hindsight, McNeal would have it no other way.

"During high school and club, I never played in the back row," McNeal said. "So transitioning from the spring and learning that I'd be

playing in real matches was real nerve-wrecking.

Now it's my favorite part of the game."

McNeal's job off the court may have just as much impact as her job on it. A lifelong music junkie, she teams up with Faucette to compile sound tracks to blast in the locker room to get the team pumped up before games.

"Music's a big part of my life," McNeal said. "A lot of the girls noticed that I always have my iPod and my headphones on. Music is just what I surround myself with all the time."

McNeal and Faucette's relationship goes back to the time when

the duo were teammates on the Epic Volleyball Club. Faucette consequently played a big part in luring McNeal from Southern California to Central Texas.

"When I came here, I knew Jay [Faucette] was going to be here," McNeal said. "She was really honest with me. She [also] showed me a different side of Texas and just how family-oriented the fans were, and I just felt really comfortable here."

As the Longhorns head into Saturday's match against Oklahoma at Gregory Gym, they likely couldn't care less whether McNeal can be defined. The free-flowing, versatile nature of the 6-foot-1-inch utility seems to be serving Texas just fine.

SWIM: D'Innocenzo chasing Olympic dreams

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showing up to practice every day," D'Innocenzo said. "I don't think I missed a practice for four or five months straight from October through March."

After the age group championships that year, he became aware that he was going to continue swimming.

"That's about the time when I realized I would be sticking with swimming, at least through high school and probably on through college," D'Innocenzo said.

He gave soccer and baseball a try as a kid, but neither stuck. D'Innocenzo said he was never very good at other sports and describes himself as "a swimmer guy."

He hopes that swimming will take him to the Olympics, which he said is his ultimate goal.

"I hope I am good enough to keep swimming after college," D'Innocenzo said. "There are a lot of guys here that do that."

Usually a laid-back and funny

guy, D'Innocenzo gets pumped up for meets with the help of his teammates and music, often Blink-182 and other alternative rock bands.

"We are a really close-knit group, so we all really like to pump each other up before the race," D'Innocenzo said. "There is a lot of support from everybody around you when you're racing."

He sees areas in which he can improve this season and he plans on making a difference in the NCAAAs.

"Last year, I wanted to be top eight in all of my events," D'Innocenzo said. "I wanted to score in all of them and I didn't. I am a little disappointed in how I swam at NCAAAs. I know that this year is going to be different. I feel good going into this season right from the beginning. I am hoping to be able to score and hopefully be able to top eight in all three events."

D'Innocenzo is clearly pas-

sionate about swimming. He describes swimming as "second nature."

"There is nothing like the success that you can achieve when you get behind those blocks and you've got a big group of guys there who are ready to support you and cheer you on," D'Innocenzo said. "What inspires me to swim is the success that you get when you've worked hard and you know that you've earned the success that you get."

Head coach Eddie Reese has high hopes for D'Innocenzo this season and knows he can improve.

"We changed his dryland program a little bit and he likes it a lot better," Reese said. "It's definitely better for his body type. It has enabled him to train harder in the water, and that is leading to his success. He has a lot of talent, a lot of strength and he's working to be able to use that. This could be a lot better year for him than last year."

OPENER: Gayle to play bigger role

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and our guard strength."

The Trinity matchup is an opportune time to start testing out her different lineup options, especially with heralded sophomore Cokie Reed out for the season.

Even though the majority of the team is young, Texas retained pivotal upperclassmen Ashley Gayle, Ashleigh Fontenette, Kathleen Nash and Yvonne Anderson. With these returning players, Texas brings back 54 percent of its scoring from last season.

Watching how Gayle responds to increased time on the floor will also be pivotal in understanding how Texas primes for the rest of the season. Gayle, who will incur the minutes lost by Reed's absence, has always been a strong post presence in the paint but not the highest scorer. Goestenkors is pleased

with the improvements Gayle has made to her game.

"You'll see vast improvement in her offensive game," she said. "Are we going to rely on her day-in and day-out offensively? No, but she does need to help us, and I know she will because she's improved. She's also one of our best screeners, so I think we're going to use her a lot, bringing post players outside and screening to get some of our guards some looks as well."

Gayle may not be the strongest scorer but her defensive skills make up for it. She set the single-season blocks record during her sophomore campaign with 103 and became the first player in school history to eclipse the 100-blocks mark in just one year.

The free exhibition game tonight is at 7 p.m. at the Frank Erwin Center.

RIVALRY: In-state foes race with mutual respect

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coach Kim Brackin. "I think we're going to see some great swimming this weekend just because of that rivalry. I know they want to beat us as much as we want to beat them, but we all respect each other and appreciate fast swimming. It's going to be a really fun meet."

Last year the Longhorns were victorious against the Aggies and helped bring home the Lone Star Showdown trophy with a 166-134 victory. This year, they are looking for a chance to extend their record to 4-0 for the season. Texas A&M will have to be at the top of their game in order to bring down this impressive group of athletes.

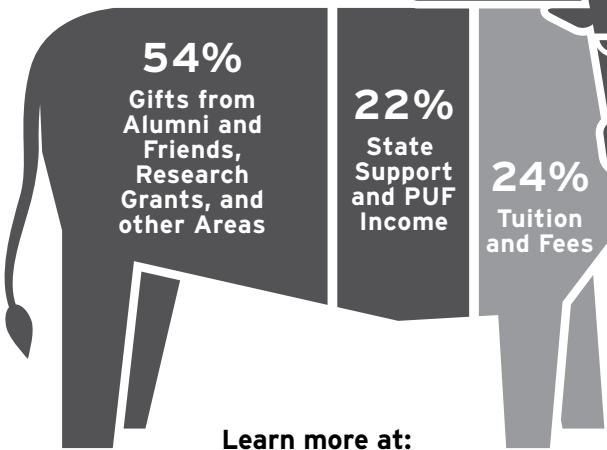
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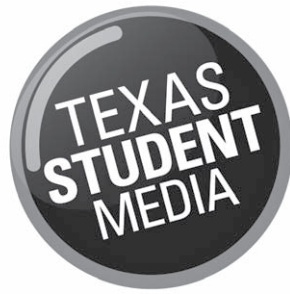
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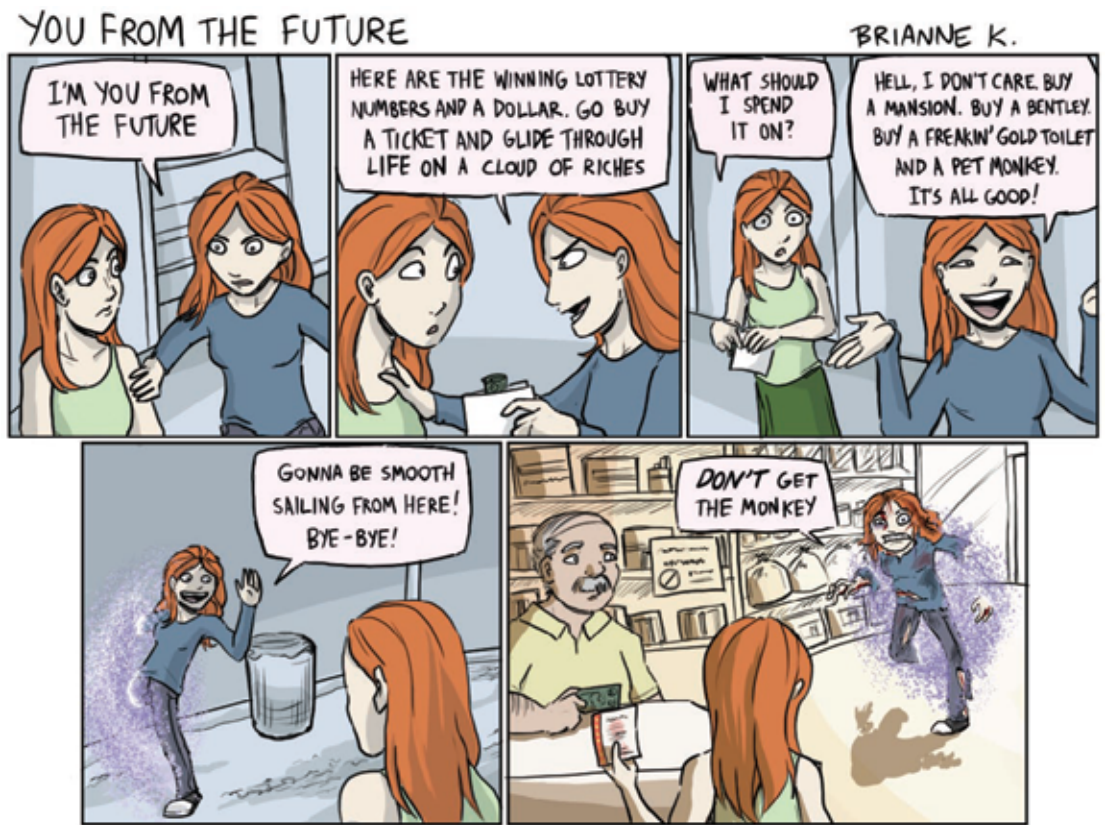


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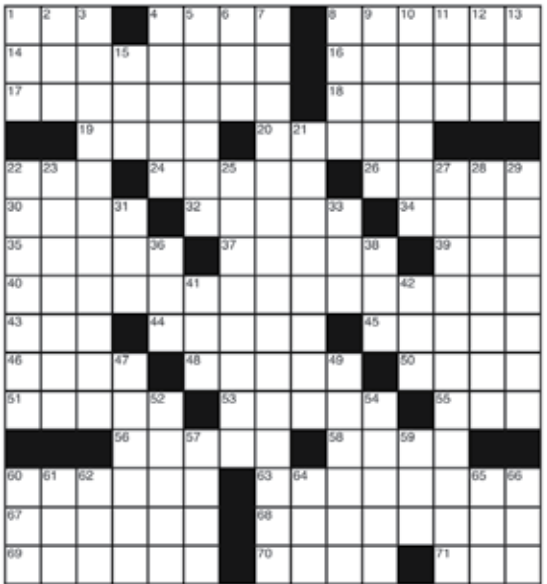


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Frontman looks back on 40 years

By Jonathan Hyak
Daily Texan Staff

For such an accomplished musician, Ray Benson, the frontman for western swing band Asleep at the Wheel, is hardly pretentious. In fact, he concerns himself with the worries of the common man. During this interview, he was keeping an eye on the election results, ruling another four years of Gov. Rick Perry. Perhaps this every-man attitude has led to his extended success as a musician, keeping him clean of the tabloid drama that ruins so many musicians' careers. This Friday, he will be celebrating his success with the current members of Asleep at the Wheel, alumni of the band and Willie Nelson as they play a 40th anniversary concert for the band.

The Daily Texan: You draw a distinction between yourself as a songwriter and a band member, and since you're the last remaining original member in the band ...

Ray Benson: Yeah, and I was voted by myself and the other guys as the band leader. When we started the band, we realized that perhaps a democracy was not the best way to run a band. What we decided was that we would run it as a democracy until we couldn't agree anymore. At that point I would make the arbitrary decisions as the band leader. And that worked pretty good, but you know, there were some really down times for me. By 1980, it was kind of tough. Things weren't too great. We weren't making a lot of money. Didn't have a record deal after '81. That's when I totally took over. Took the guys back and said, "I wanna go do our own thing or try something else," and I was left holding the bag and I said, "OK, I'll continue forward." That's how it went.

DT: Since you are the last remaining original member, do you



Courtesy of Asleep at the Wheel

Asleep at the Wheel, nine time Grammy award - winning western swing band, will be playing their 40th anniversary concert this Friday night. Ray Benson, center, will lead the band as they take the stage with Willie Nelson.

feel like it's more a 40th anniversary for yourself or for the band and the ideology behind your swing band?

RB: Well, certainly it is for me quite a milestone, but the band even more so because I've had so many wonderful people who've played into the success and that is a huge thing. There were so many people contributing to the success of the band by building on what others have done. So really it's a tribute to all of the people who've contributed to Asleep at the Wheel. I was able to keep it going, but part of it is, yes I can write songs, yes I can play guitar, yes I can be the frontman of the band, but in the end, it's about 30 years ago I had to take over all the business. That's been the interesting thing for me.

Playing the guitar, practicing, playing, singing and writing songs — that's something I do naturally. The business part is a little different. You have to compartmentalize in your brain and go, "OK, I've gotta take care of the business or the creative part won't get a chance." I always told everyone, "Well we're in show business. The show is really important but you also have to take care of the business."

DT: All of Asleep at the Wheel's former musicians have worked with renowned artists, and they're great musicians in their own right. You've also worked with Willie Nelson and Jerry Wexler. How does it feel to have worked with all of these people, and can you look at that in light of you, yourself, be-

WHAT: Asleep at the Wheel 40th Anniversary Concert with Willie Nelson

WHERE: Long Center for the Performing Arts (First Street between Riverside Drive and Barton Springs Road

WHEN: Friday, 5-7:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$30

ing a Grammy-winning artist?

RB: I was a fan first, you know? And yeah, it feels great. I'm not gonna pat myself on the back or anything. It's why I got in the business: to work with people I feel are talented, legendary and that I'm a big fan of. So that's the plus of the whole deal.

FEST: Influential punk band Descendents to reunite after hiatus

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Everywhere," but either way fans should expect to see a different side of Toro y Moi's music; for the first tour ever, Bundick will not be a one-man band but will instead be bolstered by the addition of a bassist and drummer.

Ariel Pink's Haunted Graffiti

Saturday, 4:15 p.m.

Red Stage

Reviews of Ariel Pink shows in the last five years have var-

ied wildly — people often come away feeling angry, ecstatic or just plain confused. That's because in the past, Ariel Pink was satisfied with plugging in an iPod full of pre-recorded music and singing along with it like it was bad karaoke. Fortunately, Pink has shaped up since then and in 2008 formed Haunted Graffiti, which includes members from bands Nite Jewel and Lilys. This June, he released his album Before Today, a collection of 12 experimental pop jams

that toe the line between mirth and melancholy.

Descendents

Sunday, 8:45 p.m.

Red Stage

The year was 1980, when punk was undergoing the beginning stages of a punk revival. Bad Religion, who are also playing at Fun Fest this year, had been on the scene for a couple of years and a 17-year-old Milo Aukerman, who would become lead singer, had just joined Descen-

dents at the urging of drummer Bill Stevenson. What the Descendents did over the next three decades revolutionized the world of punk music, adding unheard-of melodic sonic artistry in a previously "ugly" subgenre of rock 'n' roll and influencing legions of punk-pop bands that came afterward like Pennywise, Green Day and early Blink 182. Descendents have once again come together after a hiatus to play at Fun Fest this year, the only U.S. show this year. It would be folly to miss it.

YOGA: Participants experience physical, mental betterment

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summer through a workshop led by Kataria.

"It starts as a practice you know, ha ha ha ha ha ha. And you're in a group with 20 or 30 other adults, children, dogs, whatever and it kind of becomes contagious," Fletcher Holliday said.

"Visa Bill Laughter" is one exercise groups perform in laughter yoga. It involves everyone in the group opening up an imaginary Visa bill envelope, looking at the bill and laughing. "Red Light Laughter" is another exercise in which the group drives imaginary cars. When they get to a red light, they'll start laughing. These exercises show participants the things that stress people out in life and that laughter

WHAT: Laughter Yoga

WHERE: Zilker Park under the shady tree on the Robert E. Lee side of Barton Springs

WHEN: Saturday, 11 a.m.

WEB: To learn more about Dr. Kataria and how laughter yoga began, go to: www.laughteryoga.org/index.php. If you're interested in laughter yoga, check out the meetup group at: meetup.com/AustinLaughterYogaClub/

is also used in private businesses such as Emirates Airline, IBM and Hewlett-Packard as optional wellness programs to enhance employees' well-being.

Ginger Paradise, a local yoga instructor, decided to try it

out, too. laughter yoga meeting after she heard about it from a man in her creative hiking meet-up group. He had a very positive response to his experience at laughter yoga, so Ginger decided to try it

"It breaks the walls down totally of meeting strangers because you're just there for the laughing."

— **Ginger Paradise**
Yoga instructor

"It was lots of laughing, not a lot of yoga poses and it really gets you out of your box — the comfort of how we are in our lives," Paradise said. "It breaks the walls down totally of meeting strangers because you're just there for the laughing. Everyone is there for the same thing. It definitely helps in connecting with others."

The Hollidays have the goal of bringing more joy to Austin through laughter yoga. They believe the perks and tools learned through laughter yoga are life changing.

"When you think about it, you go, how could I possibly spend my time better than practicing joy?" Olympia Holliday said. "Cause I'm going to die one day, and I don't know when, but between now and then I plan on spending as many days happy and laughing as I possibly can."

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Olympia and Fletcher Holliday participate in a laughing warmup outside Barton Springs on Thursday morning. The couple teaches “laughter yoga,” an exercise in laughing that promotes mental, physical and emotional health.

Laughter may be best medicine

HEALTHY HOOK

By Addie Anderson

Meeting with others for the pure goal of laughter does the mind and body good. This doesn’t necessarily mean going to a stand-up comedy show or watching “Friends” DVDs, it’s as simple as sitting underneath a tree by Barton Springs with a group of people and laughing — something known as laugh-

ter yoga.

Laughter yoga is a series of physical exercises practiced with the intent of generating fits of laughter. People can laugh without having a reason and without using jokes, humor or comedy. There’s no posing involved, according to laughter yoga teachers Olympia and Fletcher Holliday. It’s called yoga because of the yoga-type breathing used when laughing.

The Hollidays were asked by Fletcher’s employer to come to a laughing yoga event six months ago at an Austin farmers’ market. The plan was to walk through

the market in a group and just laugh — to lighten the mood of the place and practice laughter yoga.

“We were reluctant to go the first day and then when we went, just at the end of the 10 minutes of laughing, it was unquestionable that we were going to go the next day,” Olympia Holliday said. “We laughed for 10 to 15 minutes at that farmers market and it changed our lives.”

Madan Lal Kataria, a physician from Mumbai, India, started laughter yoga in 1995 with the goal to bring good health, joy

and world peace to all through laughter and, thereby, laughter yoga. People come together in groups and engage in certain laughter exercises, which Kataria certifies teachers to lead. Through playful eye contact and simulated laughing, the laughter becomes genuine. The practice has caught on worldwide, with more than 10,000 laughter yoga groups in more than 60 countries, according to the Laughter Yoga International website. The Hollidays became certified laughter yoga teachers over the

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Fun Fun Fun Fest brings indie world to concert-goers

By Francisco Marin
 Daily Texan Staff

Now in its fifth year, Fun Fun Fest has grown from a collection of overlooked indie artists and local vendors into one of the most progressive festivals in the nation. Fun Fest prides itself on knowing what’s cool in the world of independent music before the mainstream can catch on, providing entertainment in hip-hop, punk rock, indie pop and even stand-up comedy. With three nights and two days worth of music, comedy and local goods, Fun Fest is sure to be a blast this year with such eclectic offerings.

Top four bands to see at Fun Fun Fun Fest

A-Trak
 Sunday, 8:45 p.m.
 Blue Stage
 Alain Macklovitch has been on the DJ scene since the mid-

1990s, when he won the DMCs World DJ Championship at the age of 15. The brother of Dave Macklovitch of the band Chromeo, A-Trak rose to prominence as Kanye West’s personal tour DJ, producing for likeminded artists Kid Sister, Boys Noize and MSTRKRFT. Expect nothing less than a rap-electro dance party when he takes the stage.

Toro y Moi
 Sunday, 2:55 p.m.
 Red Stage


Toro y Moi’s Chaz Bundick almost singlehandedly pioneered the chillwave genre with his brand of soulful, dreamy bedroom pop. It makes sense that fellow chillwave artist Washed Out is also playing at Fun Fest later the same afternoon. But lately, Bundick has taken to more straight-ahead indie pop with his latest single “Leave

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Mike Stroud of Ratatat performs at the 2009 Fun Fun Fun Fest at Waterloo Park.



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